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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SENGHOR

1. YOU SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT
SENGHOR:

2. QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I MET YESTERDAY WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND BEGAN
TODAY MY MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. WE HAVE
DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE
CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE FOR
NAMIBIA AND MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. YOU KNOW HOW
MUCH I HAVE PROFITED FROM YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL
THROUGHOUT OUR PRESENT INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
I WANT TO AKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOU UP
TO DATE ON WHERE MATTERS STAND.

MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TWO PRESIDENTS LEAD ME
TO BELIEVE THAT THE FRAMEWORK OF A SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA CAN
BE ACHIEVED IF I AM SUCCESSFUL IN MY TALKS THIS WEEKEND WITH
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. IN ESSENCE, A PROCESS TOWARDS NAMIBIAN
INDEPENDENCE CAN BE STARTED IF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NAMIBIAN
PEOPLE INCLUDING SWAPO BEGIN TALKS ON A CONSTITUTION AND THE
TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, A DATE
FOR INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE CONSTITU-
TIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH IS MEETING IN WINDHOEK. I

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FIND THAT DEVELOPMENT TO BE A NECESSARY INGREDIENT TO

THE OVERALL PROCESS.

WITH REGARD TO RHODESIA, YOU HAVE NO DOUBT LEARNED THAT IAN SMITH MET WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER THIS WEEK IN PRETORIA AND MAY RETURN AGAIN THIS WEEKEND. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IS AWARE OF THE ENORMOUS INTEREST THE UNITED STATES HAS IN SEEING THAT RHODESIA MOVES RAPIDLY TO MAJORITY RULE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE INFLUENCE WE HAVE BROUGHT TO BEAR WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO STEPS TO PERSUADE IAN SMITH TO ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE.

I AM SURE THAT YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME THAT A SETTLEMENT TO THE NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA PROBLEMS CAN ONLY COME IN STAGES. IN MY JUDGMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACCEPT THIS FACT ON THE CONDITION THAT THE TIME LIMIT IS REASONABLE AND FINITE. IT IS TOWARDS THIS GOAL THAT I WILL CONTINUE MY MISSION WHEN I MEET IN PRETORIA. I WELCOME ANY VIEWS YOU WISH TO SHARE WITH ME ON THESE SUBJECTS SO VITAL TO AFRICA'S FUTURE.

WITH WARM REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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